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## ADVENTURES



HEH HEH! THIS IS MY HOUR OF TRIUMPH! SIVANA, THE WORLD'S MADDEST SCIENTIST, HAS THE WORLD'S MIGHTIEST MAN HELPLESS!

HOLY MOLEY! IS THIS SOME HORRIBLE NIGHTMARE?

*In this issue!*  
**THE AMAZING STORY OF THE STOLEN SHAZAM POWERS**  
THE WORLD'S MIGHTIEST MORTAL BECOMES THE WORLD'S WEAKEST MAN!

# INTERPLANETARY TENEMENTS



*A Jon Jarl Adventure*

*By Eando Binder*



**T**HE COP on his beat swung his club, whistling. Around him lay the tenement section of the big city, ugly and filled with squalor. There were rows of shabby apartment houses crammed together, run down shops, wash hanging from the rusty fire escapes, noisy, ragged kids playing in the streets, haggard faces peering from the grimy windows. It was a typical slum area such as existed in 1933 in most big cities.

But it was not 1933!

The cop paused at a fruit vendor's cart and asked for an apple. The fruit vendor held out two apples with two hands. Then with a third hand he took the cop's coin, and with a fourth hand he doffed his cap in thanks. The fruit vendor of the slums was Miggo, the Martian!

It was the year 2261 and these were the *Interplanetary Tenements of Space Port*, Earth's largest city of the twenty-third century! The cop went on, passing the laundry shop run by Sheewe, the Saturnian, who waved his two long antennae in greeting. The shoeshine boy nearby gave the cop a greeting from both mouths of his two heads, as was the custom on Neptune.

And the cop on the beat was Lieutenant Jon Jarl of the Space Police. He had not been demoted or transferred. He was on a secret mission to track down a space crook called Meteor Mal, an Earthman who had looted banks on Mars and Venus and then had come to hide out in the *Interplanetary Tenements*. Posing as an ordinary Earth policeman on his beat in the slums, Jon Jarl figured he had a better chance of finding Mal's hide-out.

But where was Meteor Mal hiding? How could Jon trace him in this confused melting pot of many planets, with its babble of alien tongues? He had no clues or leads.

Jon turned the next corner. A tall, scrawny, sharp-faced man was screeching angrily—"My rent! Where's my rent? Get out, you miserable scum of space!"

"Old Jonas Scragg, the tenement landlord!" Jon murmured wryly. "Squeezing money out

of these poor people and kicking them out brutally when they can't pay!"

"So what?" snarled Scragg. "It's none of your business and I'm within the law, copper! I own this tenement and I have the right to kick them out when they don't pay my rents! Get going, you Venusian dog!"

Jon stared pityingly at the Venusian family standing at the curb with their meager belongings. A father, mother and several children were all in rags. The Venusians, unlike other planetary races, were almost like Earthpeople. There was only one noticeable difference—they had feathers on their heads instead of hair. But otherwise they were quite human.

Jon continued on his beat with a bitter taste in his mouth. Scragg had evicted many families for not paying their rent. In his own way, Scragg was a worse crook than Meteor Mal—but within the law!

Meteor Mal! That reminded Jon that he still had no lead. Night fell, and Jon was puzzled, wondering what course to pursue next. Suddenly he straightened. "Wait," he thought. "Why not visit Scragg's office and look over his list of tenants? Maybe among them is Meteor Mal under an alias. It's a long chance but worth a try."

Scragg's little office in a corner building was as barren and shabby as his tenements. He wasted no money fixing it up, like a true miser who loved money above all else. Scragg was at his desk, counting up a huge pile of rent receipts. "What do you want, copper?" he snarled. "I'm busy. Don't bother me!"

Jon was about to answer angrily when a third voice interrupted behind him in harsh tones: "Don't move! I've got you covered!"

Jon whirled and Scragg turned white. Facing them was a Venusian with feathery hair, holding a ray-gun ready!

Scragg was staring in amazement now. "Why, you're my new tenant," he said. "The one who paid the double rent! Now you've come to rob me!"

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# Captain MARVEL

## FIGHTS THE FATAL FOGS



WHENEVER YOU HEAR THE WORD "BAM" you know you're reading the word "BAM" in an especially CHARGED and POWERFUL CAPTAIN MARVEL, THE WORLD'S MIGHTIEST MORTAL, WHO COMES IN AND SMASHES THROUGH THE FOGS OF THE MOST TERRIBLE OF ALL THE!

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THE RED CRUSHER... MOST DREADED ENEMY NAME IN KOREA! TIME AND AGAIN CAPTAIN MARVEL HAS BATTLED HIS FEROUS COUPS THAT THREATEN THE ALLIED VICTORY! AND WHEN THE MONSOLIAN MIGHTY MIND STEALS A SECRET WEAPON AND TURNS IT ON US EVEN AMERICA'S MIGHTIEST AMERICAN MONSTER CAN HE CAN HAVE THE HORRORS OF THE FATAL FOGS!

IN KOREA, MAJOR DWIGHT SALDWIN... FORMERLY A PROFESSOR OF CHEMISTRY... HAS TURNED HIS TALENTS IN A NEW DIRECTION!

GENERAL LAIRD, JR. / MY NEW FORMULA... I TELL YOU IT CAN SET THE ENEMY BACK ON THEIR HEELS / MAY I TRY IT OUT... PLEASE?

SORRY, MAJOR! HEADQUARTERS SAYS FORGET IT! IT'S LIKE POISON GAS... A WHITE SLURRY!



POISON GAS IS A WHITE SLURRY! BUT MY FORMULA ISN'T / IF THEY WOULD ONLY GIVE IT A CHANCE THEY'D SEE / HOW CAN I CONVINCE THEM?



MEANWHILE, OVER IN JAPAN, BILLY BATSON OF STATION WHIZ IS ON A NEWS-GATHERING TOUR!

THE JAPANESE ARE RECOVERING FAST FROM THE LAST WAR / BUT THAT REMINDS ME... WHAT'S THE LATEST NEWS OF THE KOREAN WAR?



WE REPORT, IN ENGLISH! BAD NEWS! A HEAVY FOG JUST SETTLED OVER THE COAST AT PINGYON! THE UN FLEET THERE IS IN DANGER! SHIPS MAY COLLIDE!

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WOLLY HOLEY! SHAZAM!



A THUNDEROUS CRASH OF MAGIC LIGHTNING ANSWERS BILLY'S MYSTIC WORD, CHANGING HIM INTO HIS OTHER WORLD-FAMED FORM OF

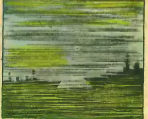


CAPTAIN MARVEL, AMERICA'S mightiest AMERICAN!

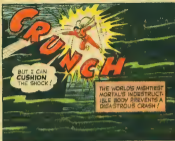
FOG IS THE MOST DANGEROUS OF SHIPS / MAYBE I CAN HELP AT PINGYON!



OFF PINGYON, WITHIN THE DENSE CLOUD OF FOG, TWO UN WARSHIPS GROPE THEIR WAY!

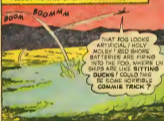


BUT INVADING THE BLANKET OF MIST, A PAIR OF KEEN EYES SPOTS THE IMMINENT CRASH!



THE WORLD'S MIGHTIEST MORTAL'S IMDESTRUCTIBLE BODY PREVENTS A DISASTROUS CRASH!

FLYING UP OUT OF THE FOG, ORN SUSPICION NOW FLOODS THE MIND OF CAPTAIN MARVEL!



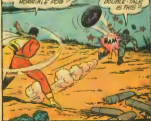
COMMANDING THE BOOMING GUNS IS THE RED CRUSHER, RUTHLESS ENEMY MASTER-MIND!



BUT SOMETHING DESCENDS EVEN SWIFTER AND MORE DEADLY THAN A SHELL!



TALK, YOU RED RAT! HOW DID YOU CREATE THAT HORRIBLE FOG?



AN ASTONISHING DENIAL COMES FROM THE BRUTAL MONGOLIAN!

YOU YANKEE DOGS SPREAD THE FOG OVER OUR LINES FIRST! LUCKILY, A WIND BLEW IT TO SEA OVER YOUR SHIPS— LIKE A BOOMERANG!

WHAT? YOU DIDN'T COOK UP THIS FOG? THEY WIND DID?

HA HA! GOOD JOKE ON YOU!



CAPTAIN MARVEL INVADES THE SKY FOR LUCKLESS ENEMY PLANES!



LATER, REPORTING THE STRANGE MYSTERY AT UN HEADQUARTERS...



BUT THERE IS ONLY A NOTE LEFT BY THE CREW!





AT DAWN, AS THE UN ADVANCE BEGINS, A STRANGE FOG SETTLES OVER THE UN LINES!

YIPES! THIS FOG IS THICK LIKE GLUE!



HIGH IN THE AIR, THE RED CRUSHER PILOTS A PLANE CARRYING THE FOG MACHINES!

THE GLUE FOG WILL BOG DOWN THE NAZZI ADVANCE!



EVEN TANKS MAKE LITTLE PROGRESS!

WE'RE SLOWED DOWN TO A CRAWL!



CAPTAIN MARVEL REALIZES THE SITUATION IS ABOUT TO REACH DISASTER PROPORTIONS!

THE WHOLE ADVANCE IS STALLED DEAD BY THAT HORRIBLE STICKY FOG! THAT RIVER... HMMM!



WITH FEARLESS POWER, THE WORLD'S MIGHTIEST MORTAL ACTS TO SOLVE THE DILEMMA!

THIS BIG RED SUN WILL SERVE TO BOLLOX DOWN THE BANKS HERE, LETTING THE RIVER FLOOD THE FLAT LAND!

SPLASH



A LOW HARRLESS FLOOD SAFTLY SPREADS, WASHING AWAY THE FOBBY GLUE!

YAY! NOW WE CAN GET GOING!

UP AND AT 'EM! THESE WATER CAN'T STOP US!



CAPTAIN MARVEL SEARCHES THE SKIES AND FINALLY...

CRASH

THAT DO 'SIES THE FOG AWAY - CRASH!





BUT THEN...



HOLY MOLEY! MORE RED PLAGUES WITH FOG MACHINES! DOTTENS OF **DUMMY DEVOYS!** BUT WHICH IS THE **REAL ONE?**

MEANWHILE PROTECTED BY HIS RUSE, THE RED CRUSHER CHANGES TACTICS WITH THE INSIGNIFICANT FOG MACHINE!

BEFORE THAT FLYING DOTTEN FROGS ME, I'LL BEAT THAT UNADVANCE YET! LET'S SEE WHAT THE **OIL FOG** WILL DO!



BELOW THE NEW VARIATION IS THE OPPOSITE OF THE GULF FOG, AND EVEN WORSE IN ITS RESULTS!

HEY! EVERYTHING IS SLICK AND SLIPPERY NOW! MY GUN... CAN'T HOLD IT!

I CAN'T EVEN STAND UP!



AGAIN THE SERVICES OF THE WORLD'S MIGHTIEST MORTAL ARE NEEDED... AND AGAIN THEY ARE GIVEN!

GO TO KICK UP A SANDSTORM HERE! THE DUST WILL DRIFT ALL OVER AND COUNTERACT THE SLICKNESS!



COUGH... LOTTA DUST BUT NOW THESE SHELLS DON'T SLIP OUT OF OUR HANDS LIKE OILS!

RED CRUSHER SENDS THE UNADVANCE BOLL ON UNHINDERED, THANKS TO THE INSIGNIFICANT FEAT OF THE WORLD'S MIGHTIEST YANK!



BUDDHA CURSE THAT CAPTAIN MARVEL! BUT I CAN TRY MORE THINGS... AFTER I RETURN TO BASE AND REFUEL!

DURING THE TEMPORARY LULL, CAPTAIN MARVEL SEEKS THE ACTUAL TRAIL OF THE RED CRUSHER, AND...



AH, A THIN WED OF FOG TO FOLLOW! THAT MEANS THE **REAL** FOG MACHINE WENT THIS WAY, SINCE THE OTHERS WERE JUST **DUMMIES!**

BUT WHEN CAPTAIN MARVEL REACHES THE SECRET BASE, ANOTHER CLIMBING GLISE BY THE RED CRUSHER PREVENTS HIS ATTACK!



HOLY MOLEY! BILLY CAN HELP WE HERE!

SHAZAM!

NOTICE TO CAPTAIN MARVEL!  
ALICE BILSON DID THE ACCOUNT WE SEE YOU! A WOODS SHEEP ARE WATCHING THE YOU!

BY REPEATING THE MYSTIC WORD CAPTAIN MARVEL IS CHANGED BACK TO BILLY BATSON!



AND BRAT BILLY CARLSON!



KEEP WATCHING FOR CAPTAIN MARVEL, CHUM WHILE I CRAWL INSIDE!

BUT THERE ARE WATCHFUL GUARDS INSIDE!



A GUY!

A GRAM SCENE ERRETS BILLY'S EYES WHEN HE OPENS THEM AGAIN!



NOW, MAJOR BALDWIN! GIVE US THE FORMULA FOR MORE FOG, OR THAT BRAT DIES!

SHALL I GIVE HIM MY MASTER FORMULA? IF I DON'T, YOU'LL O-DIE!



HOLY MOLEY! IF I NOD YES, HE'LL TELL THE FORMULA AND SAVE MY LIFE! IF I SIGNAL NO, I'LL DIE!



BRAVE LAD! HE SAYS NO! I'LL KEEP THE FORMULA LOCKED IN MY MIND, RED CRUSHER!

FOOLS! NOW WATCH THE BRAT DIE! I'LL USE THE AMBER FOG ON HIM!

MOST FRIGHTFUL OF ALL IS THE FOG THAT NOW SCURS OVER BILLY FROM THE FOG MACHINE!



GOODBYE, BRAT! THAT AMBER FOG WILL HARDEN AROUND YOU! YOU'LL SUFFOCATE! THEN I'LL DO THE SAME TO THE YANK SOLDIERS!

I'M S-TUNK!



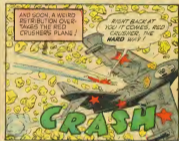
HEY- THIS STUFF IS HELPING ME! IT'S SO HEAVY IT'S PULLING MY GAG AWAY!

SHAZAM!

ONCE MORE MAGIC LIGHTNING TRANSFORMING BILLY INTO CAPTAIN MARVEL!



THE RICHEST AMERICAN EASILY  
BURSTS FREE OF THE AMBER POISON!



LATER... WHILE I WAS  
CATCHING AND  
FLINGING THE LUMPS OF  
AMBER AWAY, SO THEY  
WOULDN'T CRUSH ODS  
BELOW, THE RED CRUSHER  
HAD TIME TO PARACHUTE  
TO HIS LINES! BUT ANY-  
WAY, THE FOG MACHINE  
IS WRECKED! BUT I  
SUPPOSE MAJOR BALDWIN  
WILL BE COURT-MARTIALED

NO, THIS  
DELATED  
PERMISSION  
TO TRY THE  
FOGGS JUST  
CAME! HIS  
SAFE!



SAVED  
BY THE  
BELL,  
EH  
MAJOR?

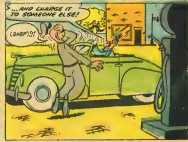
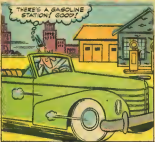
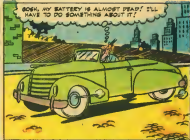
YES!  
BUT I  
SEE MY  
FOG  
MACHINE  
SIMPRACTICAL!  
I'LL HAVE TO  
DO A LOT MORE  
WORK ON IT BE-  
FORE WE CAN  
USE IT AS  
A WEAPON!



BACK IN AMERICA BILLY RE-  
LEASES THE WHOLE STORY!

WAYBE SOMEDAY MAJOR  
BALDWIN WILL REALLY HELP  
THE WAR EFFORT WITH AN  
IMPROVED ODS MACHING,  
AND BE THE FIRST OF A  
NEW AND DARING BAND  
OF FOGMEN!





# CAPT. KID

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The  
INTREPID  
INVENTOR!

HEY! THERE'S  
SMOKE COMING OUT  
OF THE CLUBHOUSE!

IT MUST BE  
ON FIRE!

QUICK!  
LET'S SEE IF  
WE CAN'T  
PUT IT OUT!



STOP! DON'T RUSH IN!  
THE WHOLE PLACE MAY BE  
IN FLAMES! I'LL KICK THE  
DOOR OPEN AND SEE HOW  
BAD IT IS!



STAND BACK! THE  
FLAMES MAY  
SHOOT OUT!



HOW?

WHAT  
"HE-?"  
IT'S CAPTAIN  
KID!

HEY! WHAT'S  
THE IDEA OF  
BURSTING IN  
LIKE THIS?



WE THOUGHT  
THE CLUBHOUSE  
WAS ON FIRE!

YEAR! WE DIDN'T  
KNOW YOU WERE  
COOKING!

WHAT ARE  
YOU MAKING  
SOUP?





WHAT ELSE CAN I PUT IN IT?  
OH, HERE'S A CAN OF KNOCKERS!  
I'LL POUR THE WHOLE CAN OF IT  
IN THE POT!



THIS OUGHT TO  
HELP!



LET'S SEE WHAT  
ELSE IS AROUND  
TO THROW IN THE  
POT. OH, HERE'S  
SOME FIRE CRACKERS  
LEFT OVER FROM  
THE LAST FOURTH  
OF JULY!



I THINK I'LL THROW ALL OF  
THESE IN, TOO!



I'LL LIGHT THEM AND  
THEN THROW THEM IN!  
THAT'S LIKELY TO PRODUCE  
SOMETHING GOOD!



AIEEEEE!







**dopey**  
**DANNY**  
**DEE**



**NOT SO DUMB!**

CAN I SEE THE FOREMAN OF THE CONSTRUCTION CREW, PLEASE?

I'M THE FOREMAN HERE. WHAT DO YOU WANT?



I'M LOOKING FOR A JOB. IS THERE ANY OPENING HERE?

SURE, I CAN ALWAYS USE AN EXTRA HAND!



CAN YOU OPERATE A STEAM SHOVEL?

YOU CAN'T CATCH ME ON THAT...



...NOBODY CAN SHOVEL STEAM AND I'M NOT SO DUMB THAT I'LL SAY I CAN!

(GASP!?!)



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BUT WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF EARTH'S FINEST HERO LOST THESE GREAT POWERS? CAN WICKED OLD DR. SYMANA, THE WORLD'S MADDEST MIND, MANAGE TO ASTOUNDING A PLAN IN PURSUANCE OF HIS RUTHLESS AMBITION TO RULE THE UNIVERSE?

WORLD'S MIGHTIEST MORTAL, CAN HE MATCH AN EVIL MAN WHO HAS THE WORLD'S BIGGEST WEAPONS!



### CHAPTER ONE

# SYMANA'S SINISTER SCHEME

AT THE END OF HIS DAILY NEWSCASTS OVER STATION WHIZ, BOY BROADCASTER BILLY BAYSON OFTEN ADDS A GRIM WARNING TO HIS LISTENERS!

...AND FOLKS, DR. SYMANA, THE WORLD'S MADDEST SCIENTIST IS STILL AT LARGE! REMEMBER, HE IS ALWAYS TRYING TO WRECK CIVILIZATION AND RULE THE WORLD! IF YOU HAVE ANY INFORMATION ABOUT HIM, NOTIFY ME IMMEDIATELY!



### IN THE VERY NEXT MAIL...

BILLY - NEEDS A HOT TIP! SYMANA IS GOING TO SHOW UP IN THE CITY... TODAY! A FRIEND

HEY HOKEY! SHAZAM!



THE NAME OF THE WISE OLD WIZARD IS COMPOSED OF THE FIRST LETTERS OF THE NAMES OF SIX MIGHTY MEN OF ANCIENT TIMES WHOSE GREAT POWERS ARE GIVEN TO BILLY IN A FLASH OF MAGIC LIGHTNING WHICH CHANGES HIM INTO

SOLONON  
HERCULES  
ATLAS  
ZEUS  
ACHILLES  
MERCURY

**BOOM**

...FARED CAPTAIN MARVEL THE WORLD'S HIGHEST ACROBAT!

THE CITY IN DANGER FROM SIVANA! I'LL PATROL THE SKY AND... WAIT, LET ME SEE THAT NOTE! SOME-THING ODD ABOUT IT!



THE GREAT HERO IS FIRST OF ALL ENDOWED WITH THE WISDOM OF SOLOMON!

WHY DIDN'T THE WRITER SIGN HIS NAME? MOST PEOPLE WOULD WANT CREDIT FOR A TIP LIKE THIS! HMM... MAYBE THIS WAS SENT BY SIVANA HIMSELF! I'M HIS WORST ENEMY AND THIS WOULD BE A PERFECT WAY TO MISLEAD ME!



THEREFORE, BY THAT LOGIC, HE HENT ATTACKING THE CITY! HE MAY BE UP TO SOME DIRTY WORK OUT IN THE COUNTRY! NO BADA IN CHECKING!



MEANWHILE, TRUE TO CAPTAIN MARVEL'S DEDUCTION, THE EVIL GENIUS DRIVES HIS PRIVATE SHIP FAR OUTSIDE THE CITY, GLADIATING AT HIS WILY RUSE!

HEH HEH! MY CLEVER FALSE TIP WILL KEEP THAT BIG RED DUMMOK GUARDING THE CITY! THAT MAKES SURE I CAN STRIKE HERE! BOY, AM I SMART!



NEUTRON BOMB AWAY! I WANT TO TEST IT ON THAT DAM! AND NO CAPTAIN MARVEL TO MESSLE! HEH HEH HEH!

**BAM**

BUT SIVANA'S WICKED CHUCKLE DIES IN HIS THROAT AS A FLASHING CRIMSON FORM ARRIVES!



OH CURSES! THAT MAN IS HERE AGAIN! HOW DID HE FIGURE IT OUT?

THERE HE IS! I KNOW HIS PLANE!



ROY MOLEY! I CAN'T DO AFTER SIVANA NOW! NOT WITH THAT DAM CRACKING ADAPT!

**KRAK**

CAPTAIN MARVEL NOW USES THE SECOND OF HIS SHAZAM POWERS - THE PEERLESS STRENGTH OF HERCULES!

GET TO SHOW THE CRACK CLOSED TEMPORARILY. OOF! AH, THERE SHE GOES!



BUT THE BOMB UNDERMINED THE WHOLE DAM! IT'S SAGGING! IT'LL COLLAPSE IN A MOMENT UNLESS...



LIKE ATLAS, FROM WHOM HE DERIVES HIS LIMITLESS STAMINA, THE RENOWNED CHAMPION NOW SUPPORTS THE COULGING WEIGHT OF THE DAM ON HIS BROAD POWERFUL SHOULDERS!

WHA, BABY! STAY UP THERE! THE REPAIR CREW WILL BE HERE SOON!



FOR AN HOUR THE WORLD'S MIGHTIEST MAN HOLDS UP THE MILLIONS OF TONS WHILE THE REPAIR CREW LABORS!

GETTING TIRED, CAPTAIN MARVEL?

TIRED? DON'T BE SALLY, JOE! THAT GUY COULD HOLD UP THE DAM FOR YEARS IF HE HAD TO! HE'S TERRIFIC!



FINALLY...

THANKS! WE HAVE IT BRACED! YOU'RE FREE NOW!



FREE TO FOLLOW SYANA! HE TOOK OFF IN THIS DIRECTION!

SOON, AS HIS REPAIRS OVERSHALL HIM, THE WICKED MASTERMIND UNLEASHES A POWERFUL WEAPON IN DESPERATION!

CURSES, CURSES! I'M MADDERING NOW HE ALWAYS CHARGES ME DOWN! BUT THERE GOES MY ATOMIC ROCKET! I'M ABLE TO BLAST THROUGH TWO AND A HALF HUNDREDS LIKE CAESE!



BUT FROM ZEUS CAPTAIN MARVEL INHERITS SHEER INDESTRUCTIBLE POWER, RENDERING HIM UTTERLY INDESTRUCTIBLE AND IMPERVIOUS TO ANY HARM!

WMM! PRETTY BIG EXPLOSION... WHY IT MESSED MY HAIR A LITTLE!

SNARLING IN FRUSTRATION, SWANA LANDS AT ONE OF HIS MANY SECRET HIDEOUTS!

MAYBE MY BIG BLACK APE CAN STOP THAT BIG RED APE!

BUT LEAPS A FEARSOME BEAST THAT WOULD SEND QUAKES THROUGH THE BRAIN OF THE WEAKEST HEART!



BUT ACHILLES HAD RESTORED ON CAPTAIN MARVEL UNMATCHABLE COURAGE THAT QUITS BEFORE NOTHING IN THE UNIVERSE!

ROARRR

COME AND GET IT, UGLY!

AND ALONG WITH COURAGE COMES THE GREAT FIGHTING ABILITY OF ACHILLES THE WARRIOR!



OWOY! OWOY!

LAST BUT NOT LEAST, CAPTAIN MARVEL ENJOYS THE SPEED AND FLYING POWERS OF WINGED MERCURY!



OWOY! OWOY!

SWANA WON'T ESCAPE, NOT EVEN IN THE STRATOSPHERE! I'LL OVERTAKE HIM AND CRACK HIS SHIP WIDE OPEN!



DON'T WORRY, SIVANA! I'LL CATCH YOU ALIVE AND PUT YOU BACK TO JAIL!

**CRASH**



BUT THERE ALWAYS A FINAL SURPRISE FOR CAPTAIN MARVEL!

WHAT? SIVANA WASN'T IN THE SHIP AT ALL! HE JUST SENT IT ZOOMING OFF **EMPTY!** HOLY MOLEY!



THAT GAVE HIM TIME TO REALLY HIDE AFTER ALL! BUT I DARE HIM TO POKE HIS NOSE OUT AND TRY ANY MORE SHERANIGANS! I JUST DARE HIM!



ELSEWHERE IN A SECRET CAVE, THERE IS NO JOY FOR SIVANA!

A THOUSAND MILLION CURSES ON THAT BIG RED BABOON! HE USES ALL HIS WISDOM, STRENGTH, STAMINA, POWER, COURAGE AND SPEED AGAINST ME! WITH THOSE GREAT POWERS THROWN AT ME, HOW CAN I EVER WIN OUT?

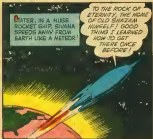
- Power
- Strength
- Stamina
- Courage
- Speed



EVEN MY GREAT GENIUS IS BAFFLED! I GIVE UP! I MIGHT AS WELL RETIRE TO A MONASTERY! I CAN NEVER BRING EARTH UNDER MY HEEL WITH CAPTAIN MARVEL AROUND! IF ONLY THOSE POWERS OF HIS WERE GONE, I'D HAVE A CHANCE



WAIT! WHY NOT TAKE AWAY HIS POWERS? THAT'S THE ONE WAY TO DEFEAT HIM! AND I KNOW HOW TO DO THAT VERY THING! HEY HEY!



FASTER, IN A HUGE ROCKET SHIP, SIVANA SPEEDS AWAY FROM EARTH LIKE A METEOR!

TO THE ROCK OF ETERNITY, THE HOME OF OLD SHAZAR HIMSELF! GOOD THING I LEARNED HOW TO GET THERE ONCE BEFORE!



FAR OUT IN SPACE AT THE HUB OF THE UNIVERSE EXISTS THE ROCK OF ETERNITY, DOMAIN OF OLD SHAZAR, GUARDIAN OF THE VAST COSMOS!

HEY HEY! I'LL LAND NEAR OLD SHAZAR'S CASTLE - AND SNEAK IN!

MANY ARE THE PROBLEMS OF THE GALACTIC UNIVERSE AND WITHIN THE CASTLE, THE ETERNAL WIZARD HOLDS A MEETING WITH HIS HELPERS!

HEH! THEY'RE ALL HERE... SOLOMAN, HERCULES, ATLAS, ZEUS, ACHILLES AND MERCURY! I'LL GET OLD SHAZAM LATER, WHEN HE SLEEPS!

WHEN HEH! OLD SHAZAM'S ROBE OF IMMORTALITY PROTECTS HIM WHILE HE'S AWAKE! WITHOUT IT HE'S AS HELPLESS AS A BABY!

UH... WHAT... STOP!

KEEP YOUR TRAP SHUT, YOU OLD WRETCH, OR I'LL SLIT YOUR THROAT! YOU CAN DIE NOW, WITHOUT YOUR ROBE!

LATER, WHEN THE OTHER IMMORTALS GATHER AGAIN...

THIS IS STRANGE! OLD SHAZAM IS MISSING! WHERE IS HE?

HERE HE IS--- MY HOSTAGE! BACK, ALL OF YOU! I TOOK AWAY HIS ROBE OF IMMORTALITY! ONE FALSE MOVE FROM YOU---AND HE DIES!

GREAT OLYMPUS! HIS EVIL SISTER OF EARTH!

NO! DON'T KILL OLD SHAZAM!

DON'T WORRY, I WON'T BUMP HIM OFF! I HAVE A GOOD REASON TO KEEP HIM ALIVE! BUT YOU'RE ALL GOING TO OBEY ME... OR THIS KNIFE DOES ITS WORK! UNDERSTAND?

DIVESTED OF HIS PROTECTIVE ROBE, OLD SHAZAM IS A HELPLESS PRISONER OF EVIL SIBIANA! WHAT SINISTER SCHEME HAS BEEN SPUN IN SIBIANA'S BUTLER'S BEAM? WHAT PLOT AGAINST HIS GREAT ENEMY, CAPTAIN MARVEL?

## THE SMASHING OF CAPTAIN MARVEL

WITH OLD SHAZAM A HELPLESS HOSTAGE, THE WORLD'S MADDEST SCIENTIST NOW GIVES AN AMAZING ORDER TO THE FIRST OF THE IMMORTALS FROM WHOM CAPTAIN MARVEL DERIVES HIS WONDROUS POWERS — SOLOMON!

YOU... SOLDIERN! STRIKE YOUR NAME OFF THE LIST! GIVE ME, OR THIS OLD GOAT DIES!

BUT... BUT THAT WOULD TAKE AWAY MY WISDOM FROM CAPTAIN MARVEL!

HERCULES... 3TH  
 ATLAS... 5TH  
 ZEUS... 10TH  
 ACHILLES... 100TH  
 MERCURY... 500TH

EXACTLY! DO IT... OR SHAZAM DIES! HEH HEH!

I MUST OBEY... BUT THIS MEANS DISASTER FOR EARTH!

HERCULES... STRENGTH  
 ATLAS... AMBITION  
 ZEUS... POWER  
 ACHILLES... RAGE  
 MERCURY... SPEED

OLD SHAZAM SPEAKS EVEN MORE CHIMOUS WORDS!

YES, DARK DAYS LIE AHEAD FOR THE PLANET EARTH, AS THIS EVIL SOUL HAS HIS WAY WITH US! BUT OBEY SHAZAM IN ALL THINGS --- NOT TO SAVE MY FALTRY LIFE FOR WHICH I CARE NOTHING, BUT BECAUSE IT IS WRITTEN THAT SHAZAM WILL WIN OUT AGAINST CAPTAIN MARVEL! DATE SO DECRIES!

HEH HEH!

OF COURSE I'LL WIN OUT! AND NOW, YOU'RE COMING WITH ME TO EARTH! GET ALONG THERE... STEP LIVELY!

REMEMBER... WHILE OLD SHAZAM IS IN MY HANDS YOU MUST DO AS I COMMAND! KEEP TUNED TO ME BY HEADING FOR FURTHER ORDERS, UNDERSTAND?

YES, HE UNDERSTAND!



**SWANA LANDS ON EARTH NEAR A STRANGE STRUCTURE IN A TRACKLESS DESERT!**



MY FORTRESS FROM WHICH I WILL CONQUER THE EARTH! FIRST, I'LL SEND A NOTE TO THE UN!

**LATER**



ATTENTION, DEARIES! I HAVE JUST RECEIVED THIS MESSAGE FROM DR SWANA, THE ENEMY OF CIVILIZATION!

I QUOTE "FROM THE SWANA FORTRESS! I, KING SWANA, DEMAND THAT THE UNITED NATIONS DISBAND! I WILL NOW RULE EARTH FROM MY IMPREGNABLE FORTRESS! NONE OF YOUR ARMIES WILL BE ABLE TO SMASH OR EVEN DENT IT! FROM IT I WILL POUR A RAIN OF DESTRUCTION ALL OVER EARTH UNLESS I AM CROWNED KING! I HAVE SPOKEN."



AND ADDED IS A TALKING NOTE TO CAPTAIN MARVEL!



WE MUST CALL CAPTAIN MARVEL IMMEDIATELY!

CAPTAIN MARVEL SENDS HIS VERY KIND TO THE TASK OF DECODING THE CODED MESSAGE!



SWANA'S FORTRESS. OH I'LL LOCATE IT. LET'S SEE... HMM

NO CODE IN THE UNIVERSE CAN BAFFLE HIM! HE'LL CRACK IT BAGNY WITHIN TEN SECONDS!

BUT SECONDS PASS, THEN MINUTES, THEN HOURS... AND CAPTAIN MARVEL IS STILL UNABLE TO DECODE THE MESSAGE!

HOW NOBLE! I—I CAN'T SOLVE IT! FOR THE FIRST TIME I'VE MET A MENTAL PROBLEM I CAN'T MASTER! WHAT'S WRONG WITH ME?



LITTLE DOES CAPTAIN MARVEL KNOW THAT UP ON THE ROCK OF ETERNITY, SODOMON HAS WITHDRAWN HIS GREAT WISDOM!

WEE! WEE FOR POOR CAPTAIN MARVEL! HE NO LONGER HAS ANY INTELLECTUAL POWERS!



SOLOMON HAS WITHDRAWN HIS GREAT WISDOM!  
RECALLED... STRENGTH  
RECALLED... STRENGTH  
RECALLED... STRENGTH

IN HIS FORTRESS, TRIUMPHANT  
SHANA CHORTLES IN FRENCH GLEE!

YERHEIN! CAPTAIN MARVEL  
HASN'T GROWN UP! HE CAN'T  
CRACK THE CODE! HE'S A BIG  
RED MORON NOW! BUT I  
WANT HIM TO FIND ME, SO I'LL  
SEND HIM THE ANSWER  
NOW! YERHH!



GREETINGS, YOU BIG RED  
BOOB! MY FORTRESS IS EVEN  
CAPTAIN-MARVEL-PROOF!

SAYS YOU,  
SHANA!

SOARING IN THE  
UNIVERSE HAS EVER  
WITNESSED THE  
SMASHING FORCE  
OF THE WORLD'S  
MIGHTIEST MAN!  
HE SPEEDS AT THE  
FORTRESS WITH  
ENOUGH POWER TO  
SMASH A WORLD  
APART!

HERE I  
COME, FULL  
SPEED!

BUT MEANWHILE, A RADIO MESSAGE HAS FLASHED  
THROUGH SPACE TO THE ROCK OF ETERNITY!

SHANA SPEAKS!  
MY KNIFE IS AT  
SHAZAM'S THROAT!  
CROSS YOUR NAME  
OFF THE LIST,  
HERCULES!

WHAT CHOICE HAVE I?  
MY STRENGTH IS NOW  
WITHDRAWN FROM  
CAPTAIN MARVEL!

WOY HOLEY! I ONLY BOUNCED  
BACK FROM THE WALL! IS  
IT THAT HARD?

HEH  
HEH!

MAYBE I CAN  
TIP IT OVER AND  
SMASH IT!  
I CAN'T  
EVEN MOBBLE  
IT A LITTLE!

WHAT'S THE  
MATTER, PAL---  
GETTING  
WEAK?

HOLY MOLEY! IT SEEMS IMPOSSIBLE, BUT I'VE LOST MY STRENGTH! FIRST MY WISDOM, NOW MY STRENGTH! WH-WHAT DOES GO ON?



HEHHH! I'LL TAKE AWAY HIS POWERS ONE BY ONE, DRIVING HIM CRAZY! EVENTUALLY HE'LL BE A HELPLESS PRISONER IN MY HANDS! HEHHH!



YES, SWANA, YOU WILL WIN OUT!

I'LL SUCCEED? EVEN YOU ABOUT IT, YOU OLD GOAT?  
YES, YOU WILL SUCCEED AGAINST CAPTAIN MARVEL! NOTHING CAN STOP YOU! RATE SO RULES!



DISE WORDS FALL FROM THE LIPS OF THE WIZARD, TO WHOM ALL THE FUTURE IS AN OPEN BOOK! FOR ONCE, SWANA IS TO WIN OUT!

MEANWHILE, CAPTAIN MARVEL CONTINUES HIS ATTACK AGAINST SWANA'S FORTRESS!



I WON'T GIVE UP! IF I KEEP CHIPPING AWAY FOR A FEW HOURS I'LL GET THROUGH THE WALL!

BUT AGAIN SWANA CARRIES ON HIS DIABOLICAL PLOT, STEALING THE POWERS FROM CAPTAIN MARVEL, ONE BY ONE!



CALLING BOOK OF ETERNITY! ATLAS, GPP WITH YOUR NAME!

I OBEY, SWANA!

AND MIGHTY CAPTAIN MARVEL, DOBBED OF HIS STAMINA, NOW COLLAPSES IN FATIGUE!



GROAN! I'M BUSHED! GASP! PUFF! PUFF!



NOW ZEUS! TAKE AWAY YOUR POWER FROM CAPTAIN MARVEL!

I OBEY, SWANA!

- ✓ CHILLES
- ✓ ATLAS
- ✓ ZEUS
- ✓ CHILLES



WITHOUT POWER, CAPTAIN MARVEL IS NO LONGER INVULNERABLE! EVEN THIS LITTLE STONE WILL KNOCK HIM OUT!





FOR ONCE, IT IS NOT BILLY BATSON WHO IS IN A GHOSTLY TRAP, FACING DEATH -- IT IS CAPTAIN MARVEL HIMSELF! SHORN OF ALL HIS GREAT POWERS, HOW CAN HE AVOID EXTINCTION? WILL OLD SHAZAM AND CAPTAIN MARVEL DIE IN THE DESERT, AS THE VULTURES CIRCLE IN DRUM SILENCE OVERHEAD?

# SIVANA'S VICTORY

HERE NOW BURST FORTH FROM SIVANA'S FORTRESS A RAIN OF VIOLENT DESTRUCTION, SPRAWLED IN THE RUTHLESS MIND OF THE MOST EVIL GENIUS OF HISTORY! WEAPONS OF FANTASTIC POWER ARE UNLEASHED LIKE A SCIENTIFIC Eruption!

# BAM BOOM

# BOOM WHAM

HEH HEH!  
THESE THEY GO... CANNON  
SHELLS, RAYS, ROCKETS,  
GLIDDEN MISSILES, ATOM BOYS...  
WHAT HAVE YOU? EARTH WILL  
CAPITULATE IN ONE HOUR!  
HEHEHEHEHEHEHEHEHEHE!

ALL OVER EARTH DISASTER STRIKES, AND EVERYWHERE A PLANTIVE CRY IS HEARD!



WHERE IS CAPTAIN MARVEL?  
WHY DOESN'T THE  
WORLD'S MOST  
MIGHTIEST MORTAL STOP  
SIVANA?

# BAM



BUT THE WORLD'S  
MIGHTIEST MORTAL  
NO LONGER EXISTS!  
POSSIB OF ALL HIS  
POWERS... AN OR-  
DINARY HUMAN WITH  
HUMAN WEAKNESSES  
AND FAULTS!  
CAPTAIN MARVEL  
LIES DYING!

GASP... THIS  
NEAT... CAN'T  
SEEM IT...  
DAMN!

AND WITHOUT THE WORLD'S MOST MIGHTY MAN TO STOP HIM, THE WORLD'S MADDEST SCIENTIST IS SAFE FROM DEFEAT!



HEH! I SEE THE UN SENT  
PLANS TO ATTACK MY FORTRESS!  
BAH, SILLY NINCOMPOOPS! I PRESS  
A BUTTON AND THEY GO... POOF!

AND SOON, AT THE UN



ATTENTION, UN!  
KING SIVANA SPEAKING!  
THOSE PLANS YOU SENT...  
I ATOMIZED THEM EASILY!  
I CAN SMASH YOUR BIGGEST  
ARMIES! I'LL KEEP  
BOMBARDING EARTH  
UNTIL YOU SURRENDER!  
WELL?

WH-WHAT  
CAN WE DO?  
WE'LL DRAW  
UP THE  
SURRENDER  
PAPERS NOW!  
SIVANA...  
HAS... WON!

YES, SYANA HAS WON, AS PREDICTED BY OLD SHAZAM HIMSELF!

GREAT SIRE GASP IS THERE ANYTHING WE CAN DO TO SAVE EARTH?

NO, MY SON! THERE IS NOTHING WE CAN DO! SYANA HAS SUCCEEDED AGAINST YOU! SO IT HAS WRITTEN—AND SO IT HAS HAPPENED!

BUT A STRANGE WILD IDEA FLOODS INTO THE DELIRIOUS MIND OF CAPTAIN MARVEL!

WAIT! I FORGOT ALL ABOUT BILLY BATSON! WHAT IF I CHANGE BACK TO HIM?

*Shazam!*

IN ANSWER TO THE MAGIC CALL ZEUS HURLE A MAGIC BOLT EASTWARD, AS ALWAYS BEFORE!

POOR CAPTAIN MARVEL! HIS MIND HAS SNAPPED! WHAT GOOD WILL IT DO HIM TO CHANGE TO BILLY?

YES, THERE IS ONLY HELPLESS BILLY BATSON IN PLACE OF CAPTAIN MARVEL NOW, UNDER THE MURDEROUS HANDS OF SYANA!

WHY DID CAPTAIN MARVEL DO IT? WAS HE AFRAID TO DIE AND PRESSED THE BUCK TO ME?

BUT THEN...

HEY—THESE ROADS ARE ALL LOOSE ON ME! CAPTAIN MARVEL WASN'T SO DUMB AFTER ALL!

COME, GREAT SIRE! WE'LL GET OUT OF THIS HORRIBLE DESERT!

NO, MY SON! I AM TOO WEAK TO WALK!

THERE'S ONLY ONE THING TO DO—GET YOUR ROBE OF IMMORTALITY FROM SYANA! I'LL HAVE TO WALK RIGHT INTO HIS FORTRESS!

BILLY! SO CAPTAIN MARVEL COULDN'T TAKE IT AND CHANGED TO YOU! WHAT DO YOU WANT, YOU LITTLE FOOL?

THE ROBE OF IMMORTALITY!







THE WISDOM OF SOLOMON TELLS ME THE TRAJECTORY OF THAT ROCKET... AND THE SPEED OF MERCURY ALLOWS ME TO INTERCEPT IT!



HERCULES' STRENGTH TO KNOCK IT TO PIECES... AND ZEUS' POWER TO IGNITE THE BLAST!



THE COURAGE OF ACHILLES TO CARRY ON THIS CAP-TAN BATTLE AND THE BRAVANA OF ATLAS TO KEEP IT UP TELL I'VE STOPPED THE BARRAGE!



AND THEN, ALL THE BIGHTY STRENGTH OF HERCULES... ALL THE TERRIFIC POWER OF ZEUS... ALL THE FANTASTIC SPEED OF MERCURY... ALL THE POWERS OF THE SIX GREAT IMMORTALS ARCHIE ONCE AGAIN AS CAPTAIN MARVEL SMASHES SMIAA'S FORTRESS!



WHEN  
THE  
DUST  
SETTLES

OH NO—NO—NO!  
CAPTAIN MARVEL IS  
BACK WITH ALL HIS  
POWERS! BUT  
YOU LIED TO  
ME, OLD  
SHAZAN!

YOU TOLD ME  
THAT I WOULD  
SUCCEED  
AGAINST  
CAPTAIN  
MARVEL, YOU  
DIRTY OLD  
LIAR!

HARKEN, SHANA! I  
DID NOT LIE! YOU DID  
SUCCEED AGAINST  
CAPTAIN MARVEL,  
AS I PROMISED!  
YOU ROBBED HIM OF  
ALL HIS POWERS  
AND HAD HIM AT YOUR  
MERCY!

BUT YOUR  
DOWNFALL  
WAS—  
BILLY  
BATSON!

OH NOOH!  
THAT'S  
RIGHT!  
YOU TRICKED  
ME! IT  
WASN'T  
FAIR!

COME  
ON,  
SHANA!  
YOU'RE  
ALL  
WASHED  
UP!

THIS HAS  
FATE  
FINALLY  
SPOKEN!

LATER, AT STATION WWJZ, BILLY  
BATSON DOES NOT SHOW UP FOR  
HIS SCHEDULED NEWSCAST!

FOLKS, BILLY IS TOO MODEST  
TO SHOW UP NOW AND ADMIT IT.  
BUT HE WAS THE BIG HERO  
OF ALL THIS! BUT I'M  
FINALLY BACK ON THE JOB,  
AS YOU CAN SEE!  
SO LONG NOW!

BIGGER!

AND  
BIGGER!

AND  
BIGGER!

**CAPTAIN MARVEL**  
Famous Hero, Greatest One.

Now Captain Marvel

Please send me an application for the growing CAPTAIN MARVEL  
Club. I will send you an application to join the club of heroes.  
Also, I will send you a copy of my CAPTAIN MARVEL Club  
CDP which contains the special rules and the CAPTAIN MARVEL  
membership button along with many other surprises.

Send me a membership card today!

Send me a membership card today!

Send me a membership card today!

Send me a membership card today!

THAT'S THE CAPTAIN MARVEL  
CLUB! JOIN TODAY!

HERE'S WHAT YOU GET:  
SECRET CODE FINDER  
OFFICIAL CLUB BUTTON  
MAGIC MEMBERSHIP CARD

CALL THE CLERK OUT NOW!

## Interplanetary Teneaments

(Continued from inside front cover)

The Venusian criminal nodded, grinning. "Sure, Earthman. I just used your place for a hide-out. Lucky I saw this copper coming. Now I can put him out of the way first and then take my time robbing you."

With that, the Venusian shot at Jon—only Jon wasn't there. Trained for hair-trigger action at all times, Jon threw himself flat on the floor with lightning speed, at the same time drawing his own gun. He shot from his prone position unerringly, and the gun spun from the crook's hand.

But snarling, the crook acted with cunning, grabbing Scragg and hurling him over his shoulder—straight at Jon as he arose. Unprepared, Jon went down, half knocked out. When his dizzy senses stopped spinning, both he and Scragg were firmly bound, and the grinning Venusian was calmly stuffing the money into a sack.

"What a haul!" he gloated.

"My money!" shrieked Scragg, as if he were being tortured. "My precious money! But you won't get away with this, you thief! I'll set the cops on you later, the whole police force!"

"Will you?" snapped the crook wickedly, flinging the sack over his shoulder. "But nobody will know this is a robbery, because when I leave I'll set the place on fire and let you and your place burn to ashes. Everybody will think it's just one of those fires that start so easily here in these fire-trap slums!"

With that, the crook shot his ray-gun at the grimy curtains at the window. They caught fire like tinder. Flames leaped all over hungrily as the crook dashed out, leaving Jon and Scragg tied helplessly in the inferno.

"We'll burn to death!" moaned Scragg.

"Shut up, you coward!" croaked Jon Jarl hoarsely. "We have one chance!" And Jon deliberately rolled himself across the floor toward the flames! Sweating, roasted by scorching heat, Jon gritted his teeth and stuck his boots in the flames. The heavy boots protected his feet from immediate burning.

"The ropes!" Jon groaned. "If they only burn off my legs quickly . . ."

It seemed an eternity, but only a few seconds later the burned ropes fell away from his feet. This loosened the rest of the bonds and Jon struggled free and leaped up, dash-

ing out with Scragg barely in time before a wall of flame closed off the doorway.

Out in the cool air, Jon freed Scragg and told him to ring the fire alarm. Then Jon sped away into the night. He knew where he would find the Venusian criminal—back in his room counting his loot, thinking himself safe. Scragg had told Jon which room it was.

Jon smashed down the flimsy locked door. The Venusian whirled and drew his gun—but Jon was already flying at him in a long tackle, hurling him to the floor so that his gun flew from his hand. Snarling, the crook jumped up and hammered at Jon with his fists.

"That's just what I want!" sang Jon happily. "If there's anything I love, it's cutting you crooks down to size!"

Jon's smashing fists battered the crook back and forth across the room like a sack of wheat. When he blubbered for mercy, Jon put the handcuffs on him and dragged him off.

Scragg turned, on the street. "Thanks, officer!" he said. "The firemen are putting out the blaze. You've caught the crook and I got all my money back."

But Jon was grinning at him, ominously. "Guess again, you miserly wretch. You're going to jail, too. Look who this crook is—with his *felix* toupee of feathers knocked off—none other than the notorious interplanetary criminal *Messor Mal!* And you harbored him in your teneaments!"

"But—but I didn't know!" gasped Scragg.

"Oh yes you did," snapped back Jon. "Messor Mal told me how you peeped in through the keyhole and saw him without his feather disguise. You then simply doubled the rent on him, letting him stay, not caring if he was a crook or not! In revenge, he then robbed you!"

**J**ON GRINNED as he clasped the handcuffs on the wining landlord. "Under Space Law, you go to jail now, too, for harboring a criminal. They won't kick you out of your cell, Scragg—the rent is free here!"

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